Romans 6:1-23 **Baptism – Changed Life**

Died to Sin

1 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? 2 Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?

Meaning of Baptism – Death and burial of Sinner – Resurrection of Saint

- ³ Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?
- ⁴ Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

Conclusion – Choose Life

- ⁵ For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, ⁶ knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. ⁷ For he who has died has been freed from sin. ⁸ Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, ⁹ knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. ¹⁰ For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. ¹¹ Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
- 12 Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. 13 And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God. 14 For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.
- 15 What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? Certainly not!
- 16 Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness?
- 17 But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered. 18 And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.
- 19 I speak in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves of uncleanness, and of lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves of righteousness for holiness. 20 For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. 21 What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. 22 But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life.
- 23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. NKJV

Facts Revealed:

Died to Sin [Romans 6:1-2]

- When we have been redeemed from sin and righteousness has been imputed, we must keep ourselves clean by living righteous lives out of gratitude for the cleansing God accomplished in us by the Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.
 - ♦ When God imputed righteousness to us for our faith in Jesus, we were cleansed of our sins and have died to sin.
 - ♦ If Christ has redeemed us from sin by His own Blood, how can we continue to sin and show contempt for the Blood that cleansed us? [Hebrews 10:26-31]
 - ♦ The best way to keep clean is daily washing ourselves in the Word of God. [Ephesians 5:25-26]
 - ♦ We must choose to live for God in righteousness and determine to remain free of sin. [1 John 2:1, 5:18]

Meaning of Baptism – Death and burial of Sinner – Resurrection of Saint [Romans 6:3-4]

- ♣ Baptism is a picture in pantomime which depicts the death of the old nature of sin, and its burial.
- The Coming out of the water depicts the Saint washed clean of sin and justified, with righteousness imputed to his account through faith in the Lord Messiah Yeshuah (Christ Jesus) his old nature gone and replaced with a new sinless nature.
 - → Having been cleansed from sin and granted the righteousness of Jesus, the one Baptized is expected to live a new life of purity before God.
 - ♦ Baptism is a choice a person makes with a commitment to live a new life in Christ by obeying all that Jesus has commanded. [Matthew 28:19-20]

Conclusion – Choose Life [Romans 6:5-22]

- We may be confident that our coming resurrection will be in the likeness of our risen Lord Jesus, His glorified body, if we have been united together with Him in the likeness of His death as pictured by baptism.
 - ❖ That picture is that our old man of sin was crucified with Christ on the cross, that the body of sin might be done away with, and we should no longer be slaves of sin.
 - ❖ We should therefore be living before Jesus in sinless purity, obeying all His commandments, knowing that if we truly died to our old nature, we have been freed from sin, as evidenced by our new nature and life.
 - ♦ According to the promise of God, if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him
 - ❖ We know that Jesus raised from the dead in a glorified body that cannot die any more, because death has no more dominion over Him.
 - ♦ The death Jesus died, He died to and for sin once for all of us. [Romans 6:10, Hebrews 7:22-28, 9:12, 10:5-10]
 - ♦ The life Jesus now lives, He lives for God.
 - ❖ Likewise we also consider our selves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
 - ♦ Therefore we are commanded to refuse to allow sin to reign in our mortal bodies, we should not obey sin in its lusts.
 - ♦ We must present ourselves to God determined to live for His righteousness to obey all He has commanded in purity of heart.
 - ♦ Sin shall have no dominion over us since we are not under Law but under Grace.
 - ♦ We may not sin to test the Grace of God.
 - ❖ We must remember that we are slaves to the one we obey, whether sin which leads to death, or obedience to Christ which leads to righteousness and life eternal.
 - ❖ The choice is ours to make, and the consequences are already revealed. Sin leads to death. Obedience leads to eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.

- ♦ Keep your determination to bear fruit of holiness which leads to Eternal Life.
- ♦ For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. [Romans 6:23]